

ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

Pieces of administrative information on the used states of the respective units of an engine EG are renewably saved in a RAM 107 provided in an engine controller 10. A CPU 101 administers the life of an apparatus in accordance with these pieces of administrative information. These pieces of administrative information are also saved as auxiliary information in an EEPROM 117 on a main controller 11 mounted on a circuit board separate from the engine controller 10 and suitably updated. The auxiliary information is written in the RAM 107 as new administrative information if necessary. This RAM 107 is provided with an area for saving an exchange flag. This exchange flag is cleared in the RAM 107 mounted in a main body of the apparatus and the administrative information is renewably saved therein on occasion. On the other hand, since the exchange flag is set in a RAM separately prepared as an exchange part, the CPU 101 can understand that information read from this RAM includes no administrative information of the apparatus.

(Fig. 2)